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1. NORTHE TOLD THREE EMBASSIES JULY 8 THAT AS RESULT STRAUSS MEETING (EMBTel 2715) FEDGOVT WAS AGAIN LOOKING AT INTERIM SOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY POWERS PROBLEM (EMBASSY ID-1603, MARCH 11, 1958) TO SEE IF THIS SUGGESTION, IN WHICH FEDREP WOULD BE AGENT THREE POWERS IN IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY SITUATION, COULD BE ACCEPTED. NORTHE INDICATED MATTER BEING RESTUDIED AND HOPED TO HAVE ANSWER SOON.

2. BUNDESTAG NOW ADJOURNED FOR SUMMER. STRAUSS INDICATED INFORMALLY TO FRENCH EMBASSY SOME LEGISLATION NOT REQUIRING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS WOULD BE INTRODUCED EARLY IN FALL.

3. EMBASSY HAS SEEN GENERAL GALE'S MEMO DATED JUNE 16 TO SACEUR WHICH APPEARS OMIT CERTAIN ESSENTIAL POINTS DISCUSSED AT JUNE 1 MEETING (EMBTel 2715). IT IS DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND BASIS GENERAL GALE'S ESTIMATE IN REFTel THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE ENACT THIS LEGISLATION BY EARLY FALL. THE LEGISLATION WHICH CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE EVEN PROPOSED FOR POLITICAL REASONS IS THAT REQUIRING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. IN THIS RESPECT THE GENERAL'S ESTIMATE CORRECT BUT INTERIM SOLUTION PROPOSAL NOTED ABOVE IS DESIGNED TO FILL THIS GAP.

4. WORKING GROUP HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN SET UP BONN TO DRAW UP REQUIREMENTS FOR ALERT MEASURES. WE HAD HOPED SUCH AS RESULT STRAUSS INITIATIVE BUT NO PROGRESS IN THIS RESPECT HAS YET BEEN MADE. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT WORKING GROUP MAY NOT BE ESTABLISHED

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HERE UNTIL INTERIM SOLUTION THOROUGHLY REEXAMINED BY GERMANS.

5. WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGE IN GALE'S HAVING SHAPE WORKING GROUP ON ALERT MEASURE REQUIREMENTS BUT WE THINK IT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO PURPOSES DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 3 EMBTEL 1789.

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